

October 17, 2002. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10601).

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### CORPORATE INVERSION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government concluded hearings to examine the appropriateness of U.S. companies re-incorporating into offshore tax havens (corporate inversion), and the implications of these transactions on U.S. tax policy and the U.S. economy, after receiving testimony from Pamela Olson, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy; Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, Hartford; Martin A. Regalia, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Robert S. McIntyre, Citizens for Tax Justice, and William G. Gale, Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.; and Reuven S. Avi-Yonah, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Otis Webb Brawley, Jr., of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Department of Defense, and 331 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded closed hearings to examine the nomination of Maj. Gen. Robert T. Clark, USA, for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general and to be Commanding General, Fifth United States Army, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

## LATIN AMERICA

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance concluded hearings to examine U.S. policy and the role of the international financial community concerning economic instability in Latin America, prospects for economic and productivity growth, and the International Monetary Fund, after receiving testimony from John B. Taylor, Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; Daniel K. Tarullo, Georgetown University Law Center, Michael Mussa, Institute for International Economics, Scott A. Otteman, National Association of Manufacturers, all of Washington, D.C.

## ANGOLA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee held hearings to examine U.S. policy options in Angola, focusing on humanitarian needs and improving governance, receiving testimony from Walter H. Kansteiner III, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Morten Rostrup, Medecins Sans Frontieres, Brussels, Belgium; and David J. Kramer, Baird Holm, Omaha, Nebraska.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Collister Johnson, Jr., of Virginia, and John L. Morrison, of Minnesota, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## NOMINATION

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Scott W. Muller, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 47 public bills, H.R. 5644–5690; 3 private bills, H.R. 5691–5693; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 511–512, and H. Res. 589–594 were introduced. **Pages H8021–23**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4966, to improve the conservation and management of coastal and ocean resources by reenacting and clarifying provisions of a reorganization plan authorizing the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, amended (H. Rept. 107–759, Pt. 1)

H.R. 2202, to convey the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project, the Savage Unit of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, and the Intake Irrigation Project to the pertinent irrigation districts, amended (H. Rept. 107–760);

H.R. 4601, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of Bureau of Land Management land in Douglas County, Oregon, to the county to improve management of and recreational access to the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area (H. Rept. 107–761);

H.R. 5399, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution systems of the Cachuma Project, California, to the Carpinteria Valley Water District and the Montecito Water District (H. Rept. 107–762); and

Supplemental report on H.R. 3215, to amend title 18, United States Code, to expand and modernize the prohibition against interstate gambling (H. Rept. 107–591 Pt. 2). **Page H8021**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Gutknecht to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7931**

**Journal:** Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, Oct. 16 by a yeas-and-nays vote of 330 yeas to 52 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 464. **Pages H7931, H7948**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:33 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H7947**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Sober Borders Act.** Debated on Oct. 15, H.R. 2155, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to make it illegal to operate a motor vehicle with a drug or alcohol in the body of the driver at a land border port of entry (agreed to by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 296 yeas to 94 nays, Roll No. 465); and **Pages H7948–49**

**Health Care Safety Net Amendments:** Considered pursuant to the order of the House of Oct. 15, S. 1533, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and strengthen the health centers program and the National Health Service Corps, and to establish the Healthy Communities Access Program, which will help coordinate services for the uninsured and underinsured (agreed to by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 392 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 466) **Pages H7932–47, H7949–50**

**Motion to Instruct Conferees—SAFE Act:** Representative Eshoo informed the House of her intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4, to enhance energy conservation, research and development and to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, to insist to the extent possible within the scope of the conference, that the conferees reject provisions that would make discretionary the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's duty to ensure that wholesale electricity rates are just and reasonable and not unduly discriminatory or preferential. **Page H7950**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:51 p.m. and reconvened at 4:40 p.m. **Page H7950**

**Making Further Continuing Appropriations:** The House passed H.J. Res. 123, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003 by a recorded vote of 228 yeas to 172 nays, Roll No. 470. **Pages H7960–63**

Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the joint resolution to the committee on appropriations with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with an amendment that strikes "November 22, 2002" and inserts "October 21, 2002" by a yeas-and-nays vote of 194 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 469. **Pages H7961–62**

H. Res. 585, the rule that provided for consideration of the joint resolution was agreed to by a recorded vote of 206 ayes to 193 noes, Roll No. 468. Agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 209 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 467. Pursuant to the rule, House Resolutions 550, 551, and 577 were laid on the table. **Page H7950–60**

**Legislative Program:** The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program. **Pages H7963–64**

**Combined Consideration of Measures:** The Chair entertained the following combined request under the Speaker's guidelines as recorded on page 712 of the House rules and manual with assurances that it had been cleared by the bipartisan floor and leadership of all respective committees. The Majority Leader asked unanimous consent and it was subsequently agreed to that the House that it:

1. Be considered to have discharged from committee and passed: H.R. 5647, to authorize the duration of the base contract of the Navy-Marine Corps Intranet contract to be more than five years but not more than seven years; S. 1646, to identify certain routes in the States of Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, and New Mexico as part of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor, a high priority corridor on the National Highway System—clearing the measure for the President; S. 1270, to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at 8th Avenue and Mill Street in Eugene, Oregon, as the “Wayne Lyman Morse United States Courthouse”—clearing the measure for the President; H.R. 5603, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to suspend the tax-exempt status of designated terrorist organizations, H.R. 5651, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to make improvements in the regulation of medical devices; H.R. 5640, to amend title 5, United States Code, to ensure that the right of Federal employees to display the flag of the United States not be abridged; and S. 1210, to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act—clearing the measure for the President.

2. Be considered to have passed S. 1227, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York—clearing the measure for the President;

3. Be considered to have discharged from committee and agreed to H. Con. Res. 502, expressing the sense of the Congress in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month; H. Res. 536, commending the staffs of members of Congress, the Capitol Police, the Office of the Attending Physician and his health care staff, and other members of the Capitol Hill community for their courage and professionalism during the days and weeks following the release of anthrax in Senator Daschle's office; H. Con. Res. 479, expressing the sense of Congress regarding Greece's contributions to the war against terrorism and its successful efforts against the November 17 terrorist organization; and H. Con. Res. 492, welcoming Her Majesty Queen Sirikit of Thailand upon her arrival in the United States;

4. Be considered to have discharged from committee, amended, and agreed to H. Con. Res. 349, calling for an end to the sexual exploitation of refugees and H. Con. Res. 437, recognizing the Republic of Turkey for its cooperation in the campaign against global terrorism, for its commitment of forces and assistance to Operation Enduring Freedom and subsequent missions in Afghanistan, and for initiating important economic reforms to build a stable and prosperous economy in Turkey in the respective forms placed at the desk;

5. Be considered to have amended and passed H.R. 5200, to establish wilderness areas, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for high quality development in Clark County, Nevada, by the committee amendment as further amended by the form placed at the desk;

6. Be considered to have taken from the Speaker's Table and concurred in the respective Senate amendments to H. R. 3801, to provide for improvement of Federal education research, statistics, evaluation, information, and dissemination; H.R. 4015, to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise and improve employment, training, and placement services furnished to veterans, and H.R. 3253, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of emergency medical preparedness centers in the Department of Veterans Affairs—clearing the measures for the President;

7. That the committees being discharged be printed in the Record, the texts of each measure and any amendment thereto be considered as read and printed in the Record, and that motions to reconsider each of these actions be laid upon the table.

Agreed to amend the title of H. Con. Res. 349 so as to read: "Concurrent resolution calling for effective measures to end the sexual exploitation of refugees."

The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the measures as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House. **Pages H7964–H8009**

**Organization of the 108th Congress:** The House agreed to H. Res. 590, relating to early organization of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Eighth Congress. **Pages H8009–10**

**Exemption for Certain Political Committees from Notification Requirements:** The House passed H.R. 5596, to amend section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate notification and return requirements for State and local party committees and candidate committees and avoid duplicate reporting by certain State and local political committees of information required to be reported and made publicly available under State law. **Pages H8010–13**

**Presidential Messages:** Read the following messages from the President:

*Periodic Report on Narcotics Traffickers Centered in Colombia:* Message wherein he transmitted a 6-month periodic report with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia that was declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–273); and

*Narcotics Traffickers Centered in Colombia:* Message wherein he transmitted a notice stating that the emergency declared with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia is to continue in effect beyond October 21, 2002 referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–274). **Pages H8013–14**

**Supplemental Report:** The Committee on the Judiciary received permission to file a supplemental report on H.R. 3215, to amend title 18, United States Code, to expand and modernize the prohibition against interstate gambling, **Page H8014**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H7948 and H7960.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7948, H7949, H7949–50, H7958–59, H7959–60, H7962, and H7962–63. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### U.S. AND CANADA SAFE THIRD COUNTRY AGREEMENT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing on "The United States and Canada Safe Third Country Agreement." Testimony was heard from Kelly Ryan, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, Department of State; Joe Langlois, Director, Office of Asylum, INS, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### NATION'S VETERANS—CURRENT AND FUTURE BURIAL NEEDS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Held a hearing on current and future burial needs of our nation's veterans. Testimony was heard from Vincent L. Barile, Deputy Under Secretary, Memorial Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs, representative of a veterans organization; and public witnesses.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2002

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to resume joint hearings with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to examine activities of the United States intelligence community in connection with the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., SH–216.

#### House

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing titled "ECNs and Market Structure: Ensuring Best Prices for Consumers," 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.